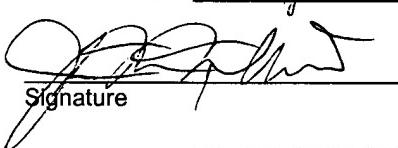




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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

This correspondence responds to the Office Action dated 24 February 2004 in the above-listed Continuation patent application. The Office Action rejected claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 were all rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,663,457 B2. U.S. Patent No. 6,663,457 B2 is the parent application to the present Continuation application.

A Terminal Disclaimer complying with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) and signed by an attorney of record is also enclosed herewith. As stated in the Office Action, such a Terminal Disclaimer overcomes non-statutory double patenting rejections. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1-20 has been overcome.

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Applicants believe that the foregoing remarks are fully responsive to the rejections recited in the 24 February 2004 Office Action and that the present application is now in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the application and withdrawal of the rejections to claims 1-20.

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